

CLAIMS

1. A surgical clip, comprising an elongate upper jaw and an elongate lower jaw attached together at a first hinge end, the lower jaw being provided with latching means at an opposite end to the hinge, the jaws being provided with a silicone rubber lining on either the upper or lower jaw in which the upper jaw comprises an arcuate shaped section characterised in that the upper jaw comprises a complex shape comprising a first substantially straight section adjacent to the hinge and a second arcuate shaped section adjoining the straight section and in which the second arcuate shaped section comprises a first portion adjacent to said substantially straight section and a second portion adjacent to said first portion at an opposite end of said first portion to said substantially straight section said first portion having a first radius of curvature substantially greater than the radius of curvature of said second portion which has a second radius of curvature.
2. A surgical clip as claimed in Claim 1, in which the arcuate section comprises a third generally straight section adjacent to said second portion at the opposite end of said second portion to the hinge, said generally straight section, when in the closed position of the clip interlocking under the latching section of the lower jaw.
3. A surgical clip as claimed in Claim 2 in which said first radius of curvature is of the order of three times that of the second radius of curvature.